

Oregon Progress Board		STATE BENCHMARKS: WHEELER COUNTY								5/1/00
Benchmark*	Most Recent Reporting Year	Earliest Year Raw Score	Latest Year Raw Score	Year 2000 State Target	Distance From Target (-)Below	Trends Improving Worsening	County Rank	5 Year ¹ State Ave	5 Year ¹ Rural Ave	
#6 Job growth	1998	22.2	1.1	n/a	n/a	↓	24	16	8.1	
#14 Per capita income	1997	65%	55%	100%	(-) 45%	↓	36	94%	75%	
#15 Average annual wage	1998	\$17,032	\$16,763	\$26,304	(-) \$9,541	↓	36	\$26,678	\$21,304	
#18 Unemployment	1998	10.2	8.1	5.0	(-) 3.1	↑	32	5.5	8.3	
#21 Ready to learn*	1997	n/a	100%	65%	35%	n/a	1	58% ¹	n/a ¹	
#22 Dropout rate**	1998	1.8%	1.8%	5.0%	3.2%	↔	4	6.9% ²	6% ²	
#23a 8th grade reading*	1999	47%	68%	63%	5%	↑	7	55% ²	52% ²	
#23b 8th grade math*	1999	37%	40%	59%	(-) 19%	↑	35	51% ²	46% ²	
#24a 3rd grade reading*	1999	100%	79%	82%	(-) 3%	↓	2	79% ²	77% ²	
#24b 3rd grade math*	1999	33%	86%	73%	13%	↑	24	67% ²	63% ²	
#26 Baccalaureate degrees***	1990	7%	11%	33%	(-) 22%	↑	34	23% ³	13% ³	
#27 High School/GED***	1990	67%	69%	94%	(-) 25%	↑	36	81% ³	76% ³	
#33 Participating registered voters	1998	78%	71%	n/a	n/a	↓	1	71% ⁴	71% ⁴	
#43 Teen pregnancy	1998	n/a	n/a	15.0	n/a	n/a	36	18.4	17.9	
#44 Prenatal care	1997	79%	93%	90%	3%	↑	15	79%	75%	
#45 Infant mortality	1997	n/a	n/a	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.4	7.1	
#47 HIV Early diagnosis	1997	n/a	n/a	85%	n/a	n/a	n/a	75% ²	74% ²	
#49 Premature mortality	1997	70.8	59.9	57.4	(-) 2.5	↑	12	60.2	70.4	
#52 Available childcare slots	1998	0	n/a	21	n/a	n/a	n/a	19 ³	18 ³	
#53a 8th grade alcohol use	1998	n/a	27%	26%	(-) 1%	n/a	16	29% ¹	28% ¹	
#53b 8th grade illicit drug use	1998	n/a	17%	15%	(-) 2%	n/a	12	18% ¹	18% ¹	
#53c 8th grade tobacco use	1998	n/a	23%	15%	(-) 8%	n/a	16	22% ¹	24% ¹	
#54 Child Abuse	1998	29.4	26.2	9.0	(-) 17.2	↑	8	10.8	16.2	
#56a Pregnant alcohol use	1997	7%	7%	2%	(-) 5%	↔	36	2%	3%	
#56b Pregnant tobacco use	1997	14%	14%	15%	1%	↔	6	18%	22%	
#57 Poverty	1995	20.8%	13.9%	11.0%	(-) 2.9%	↑	26	12.8%	16.0%	
#61 Independent seniors	1997	n/a	n/a	98.0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	97.5%	97.3%	
#64 Overall reported crime	1998	66.4	74.4	133.6	59.2	↓	4	145.4	136.4	
#64a Behavioral crime	1998	26.4	43.1	n/a	n/a	↓	12	48.5	55.7	
#64b Crimes against persons	1998	8.6	11.3	n/a	n/a	↓	9	16.1	14.6	
#64c Property crime	1998	31.4	20.0	n/a	n/a	↑	4	80.8	66.2	
#65 Total juvenile arrests	1998	33.1	5.2	46.5	41.3	↑	1	57.4	69.4	
#65a Behavioral crime arrests	1998	25.7	5.2	n/a	n/a	↑	1	31.4	40.6	
#65b Crimes against persons arrests	1998	3.7	0	n/a	n/a	↑	1	5.5	5.8	
#65c Property crime arrests	1998	3.7	0	n/a	n/a	↑	1	20.4	23	
#77 Owner occupied housing***	1990	71%	71%	68%	3%	↔	4	63% ³	67% ³	
#78a Cost burdened renters	1990	n/a	75%	70%	(-) 5%	n/a	31	71% ¹	69% ¹	
#78b Cost burdened owners	1990	n/a	35%	38%	3%	n/a	15	38% ¹	n/a ¹	
#87 Solid Waste	1998	1,011	463	1,506	1043	↑	2	1,578	1,488	
				↑ 16 Improving Trends		↓ 8 Worsening Trends		↔ 4 No Change		

*Base year is 1990 unless noted. * = 1997. ** = 1996. *** = 1980.

¹Averages are based on five years unless noted. ¹ = Single year data point. ² = 3 year average. ³ = 4 year average. ⁴ = 6 year average. ³ = 10 year average.